

Religion and the Global Framing of Gender Violence

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SCHEDULE

Sunday September 10, 2017 – Arrival and Check-in of International Guests

Day 1: Framing Religion, Gender, and Violence

9:15-9:30 Introductions

9:30-11:00 Session 1- Framing Islam

Protecting the Nation from "Honor Killings": The Construction of a Problem, Leti Volpp, University of California Berkeley

Discussant: Amal Ghandour

Framing Islam: Child Marriage and the Feminist Imagination, Dina Siddigi, BRAC University

Discussant: Nisreen Haram

11:00 Coffee Break

11:15-12:45 Session 2- The Politics of Experience

I Do Not Need Books, I Know What Crime Is: Militarizing and Policing Education as Violence against Girls, Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian, Mada al-Carmel

Discussant: Sara Ababneh

Power, Subjectivity, and Sexuality in Iranian Political Prisons, Shahla Talebi, Arizona State University

Discussant: Rema Hammami

12:45 Lunch

1:30-2:45 Session 3- Panel: Challenging Media Frames

Feminist Resistance to Mob Sexual Assaults During the Egyptian Revolution, Yasmin El-Rifae

Challenges of Reporting on Gender-Based Violence, Samira Shackle

At War: Centering Yemeni Women's Voices and the 'Global Agenda', Nafeesa Syeed

3:00-4:30 Session 4- Placing and Misplacing Blame

Should Feminists Counter Violent Extremism (CVE)? Notes on the Rise of Securofeminism, Lila Abu-Lughod, Columbia University

Discussant: Qudsia Contractor

Caught Between the "War on Terror" and the Struggle for Survival: Feminists' Mobilizations in Iraq, Zahra Ali, Rutgers University

Discussant: Wafa Al-Khadra

7:00 Dinner at Al Qasr Metropole Hotel

Day 2: Session 1- Global Tensions and Women's Activism

9:30-11:45 - Pressures on Feminist Governance, Strategies of Women's Activism

Gendering Piety, Reclaiming Sexuality – Muslim Women's Activism in Contemporary Mumbai, Qudsiya Contractor, Tata Institute

Discussant: Dina Siddiqi

Rethinking Violence Against Women: Root Causes, Wafa Al-Khadra, American University of

Madaba

Discussant: Leti Volpp

Catastrophic Aid: GBV Humanitarianism in Gaza, Rema Hammami, Birzeit University

Discussant: Lila Abu-Lughod

11:45 Coffee Break

12-12:45 Session 2- Panel: Reflections on Activism on the Ground

Eva Abu-Halaweh, Executive Director of the Mizan Law Group for Human Rights. (Invited)

Hadeel Aziz, Executive Director of the Justice Center for Legal Aid in Jordan.

1:00 Lunch

1:45- 2:30 Session 3- Panel: **Reflections on Activism on the Ground, Part** 2

Soraida Hussein, General Director for the Women's Affairs Technical Committee. (Invited)

Hala Ghosheh, Gender and Development Consultant

2:30—3:30 Session 3- Wrap up and General Discussion, led by Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian

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